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1. The Zurich banking house of Widemann & Co., Fraumunsterstrasse 9, has opened a letter of credit, valid from 15 to 31 August 1951, in favor of Syndicaat "Nederland", Heerengracht 464, Amsterdam, for \$206,336.80 to cover the delivery of 168,160 kilograms of copper plate. Syndicaat "Nederland" is acting in the interest of the Hans Steiner firm of Bahnhofstrasse 82a, Zurich. The transaction is being financed by Handels Mij. H. Albert de Bary & Co. N.V. of Heerengracht 450, Amsterdam. Sponsoring the deal is the Brussels firm of Fabre & Trempont, Marché aux Poulets 34.
2. The copper, which is probably of Chilean origin, is to be delivered to New York, probably in the following vessels, for transshipment to a European port: s/s SANTA CECILIA, SANTA MARGARITA, AMERICAN ATTORNEY, AMERICAN JUDGE. Since H. Steiner of Zurich has a record of dealings with the Soviet sphere, it is probable that the copper is earmarked for delivery to an Eastern European customer.
3. The copper, which is in two consignments, has the following specifications:
 - a. 69,950 kg., being 663 plates of electrolytic 99.97% copper, 15 mm. thick, about 1.2 meters long, and about 0.55 meters wide; uncut as delivered from rolling machines, unfinished, unpacked; each plate weighing approximately 100 kg.
 - b. 98,210 kg., being 930 plates of electrolytic 99.97% copper, same dimensions as above.

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